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## **Nassau Expeditionary Strike Group to Return from Deployment**

NORFOLK, Va. – Nearly 2,700 Sailors from Nassau Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) will return to their homeports next week after successfully completing a six-month deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Nassau ESG ships conducted Maritime Security Operations in the U.S. Fifth Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR) and Theater Security Cooperation in the U.S. Sixth Fleet AOR. Nassau ESG ships deployed from Norfolk on November 7.

The guided missile destroyer USS Winston Churchill (DDG 81) is scheduled to return to Norfolk on **Tuesday, May 2.**

The following ships are scheduled to return on **Thursday, May 4** after off-loading embarked 22<sup>nd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) in North Carolina: the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau (LHA 4), the amphibious transport ship USS Austin (LPD 4) and the guided missile cruiser USS Cape St. George (CG 71) will return to Naval Station Norfolk, the dock landing ship USS Carter Hall (LSD 50) will return to Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek.

USS Norfolk (SSN 714) will return to Norfolk **Saturday, May 6.**

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**NOTE: Media partners wishing to cover the homecoming of the Nassau ESG ships should contact Second Fleet Public Affairs at (757) 444-5050 (x7369) by 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 3.**

**For information on USS Norfolk (SSN 714) homecoming contact SUBLANT Public Affairs Office at 757-328-0830.**